

## **MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, MAY 5, 2004**

### **GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

The Hamilton County Council met in Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), at 5:35 p.m. Those in attendance included Councilors Jim Belden, Judy Levine, Steve Schwartz, Jim Wallace, John Hiatt, John Culp, Robin Mills and Dawn Coverdale. Councilor Rick McKinney arrived at 5:49 p.m. The executive session was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

The Hamilton County Council met in a special work session. The council discussed the 2005 Budget process. President Belden presented the finance committees proposed budget instructions and budget. Councilor Schwartz made a motion to accept the budget instructions as presented. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor McKinney requested an ordinance to impose wheel tax be prepared for review and first reading at the June meeting.

Councilor Levine announced there will be a State called meeting of County Councilors on June 12, 2004 at the Hyatt Downtown from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Councilor McKinney asked about a joint meeting between Commissioners and Council. Councilor Belden stated he will be talking with Fred to come up with possible meeting dates. Councilor McKinney stated everyone should submit available dates to save time.

Councilor Levine announced she and Steve Schwartz will be attending the AIC District meeting in Hagerstown Thursday, May 13 and there is room if anyone else wants to ride along.

Councilor Levine attended the Budget & Finance class. Councilor Levine asked if a special session could be scheduled in July for a finance presentation by Umbaugh and Ice Miller. President Belden stated he would look at that in July.

Work session adjourned at 6:37:13 p.m.

President Belden opened the public hearing on the ACES Power Marketing abatement at 7:00:47 p.m. and asked for public comments. Hearing none the public hearing was closed at 7:01:17 p.m.

Christine Altman introduced the Carmel High School Tech Hounds who did a demonstration with the robot the Tech Hounds built. The team placed 2nd at the National F.I.R.S.T Competition in Atlanta.

President Belden called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:08:14 p.m. Auditor Mills called role: Jim Wallace, Rick McKinney, Judy Levine, Steve Schwartz, John Hiatt and Jim Belden. Councilor Carter was not in attendance.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilor Levine.

[7:09:30] Councilor Wallace moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2004 and the Executive Session memorandum held May 5, 2004. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:09:51] Amy Vaughan, representing the Hamilton County Chambers of Commerce spoke regarding the Conner Prairie conflict. The Commerce is asking the County Council's participation in an ad being ran in the Hamilton County Section of the Indianapolis Star supporting Conner Prairie. Councilor Levine made a motion to participate in the ad supporting Conner Prairie. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0-1) with Councilor McKinney abstaining.

## **COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS [7:19:34]**

**President** None

**Vice President** : Councilor Hiatt

There will be some items coming up regarding EMS

**Finance:** Councilor Wallace

Committee met last week and those items were discussed during work session

**Highway:** Councilor McKinney

Announced roundabout at 116th Street & Ditch Road opened last Friday

**Personnel:** Councilor Levine

Committee did meet and the Prosecutor, Parks, Clerk and Washington Township will be on tonights meeting.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Commissioner Report** [7:21:28] Commissioner Altman

Thanked Council for allowing Tech Hounds to do presentation this evening.  
Requested the Council favorably consider Ordinance 05-05-04-A “An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Blanket Surety Bonds” which will cause a reduction in cost for this bonding.

Requested approval of Emergency Management 144 Amendment which will allow part time staffing in the office.

Commissioner Altman spoke with Senator Luke Kenley who is going to contact the Department Revenue concerning Hamilton County’s information request on COIT. County Attorney Mike Howard is pursuing the second request for information.

The Regional Transit Authority will have no tax authority. MPR will fund position.

The Commissioners walked through the Judicial Building looking at space needs. Committed to set down with Prosecutor Office to look through design and determine if expansion will be done now or a temporary move. Commissioner Altman requested approval to meet with Mike Reuter to study, as existing capital improvement bonds for the Judicial facility retire, to come up with a capital improvement plan.

Councilor McKinney moved to allow Commissioners to contact Mike Reuter. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

## **Unfinished/Tabled Business**

### **New Business**

[7:28:13] Councilor McKinney moved to approve Final Action By The County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana Regarding Resolution 04-14-04-1 “A Resolution Of The Hamilton County of Hamilton County, Indiana Designating An Area Within Hamilton County Commonly Identified as Lot 3, Block 3 Of The Mayflower Park As An Economic Revitalization Area For The Purpose Of Seven (7) Year Real Property Tax Abatement For Aces Power Marketing, LLC. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

[7:29:40] Councilor Levine moved to suspend rules. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:30:10] Councilor Levine moved to approve Ordinance 05-05-04-A “An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Blanket Surety Bonds. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

.

**Additional, Transfers and Amend Form 144**

[7:30:48] Councilor Levine moved to approve Human Resources 144 amendment of position 1002 Human Resources Assistant, COMOT F to \$31,074 and the \$1,956 transfer of funds from 1002 Secretary to 1300 Part Time. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:31:44] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Emergency Management 144 Amendment adding Clerical part time position at \$10.50 per hour. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:39:34] Councilor Levine moved to approve Prosecutor’s 144 Amendment adding Temporary Part Time Attorney at \$20 per hour. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:39:57] Councilor Levine moved to approve Prosecutors \$8,600 transfer from 1008 Deputy Prosecutor to 1300 Part Time. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilor Levine moved to approve Prosecutor hiring Deputy Prosecutor above beginning salary. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:40:57] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Clerk \$6,800 transfer from 1001 Kathy Richardson to 1407 Overtime. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:42:06] Councilor Levine moved to approve Parks 144 amendment to position 1006 Chief Naturalist to \$36,625 and transfer of \$3,728.66 from 1002 Director of Marketing to Chief Naturalist. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:43:01] Councilor Levine resolved to approve \$28,000 additional request in 1300 Part Time. Councilor Wallace seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

**AUDITOR’S COMMENTS** - none

**ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS** - none

[7:43:56] Councilor Levine moved to adjourn. Councilor McKinney seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**Those present:**

Nathan Altman, CHS Robotics  
Steven O’Keefe CHS  
Robotics  
Adam Decker, Tech Hounds  
Paul Beal, EMS  
Paul Couch, HCSD/Riverview Sec  
Sheena Randall, HR  
Polly Pearce, Court Administration  
David F. Tudor, Attorney,  
Town of Sheridan  
Jeff Burt, ACES  
David H. Claspell, ACES

Jay Walters, ACES  
Sonia Leerkamp, Prosecutor  
R. David Bice, EMA  
George Piper, Daily Times

President

Auditor